

attempt to make as burdensome and onerous as possible the obtaining of an abortion by a woman. In this instance, the burden is being placed on the physician. I think this language is very cynical. I also think it is very hypocritical. Senator Lindsay is being required to carry trash legislation which he would not draft in this manner if he were free to draft it. When Senator Lindsay and I were discussing this matter the other day and I was asking him about the medical assistance benefits which, under the law of Nebraska, would be available, he acknowledged that physicians may not know anything about this, in which case they can, in effect, throw up their hands and say, well, go to the Department of Social Services and see what you can find out there. That is what I mean by being cynical. If you are requiring an individual who is a professional, regardless of whether you approve of the activities that person legitimately engages in while exercising that profession, you should not, by statute, dictate that this person provide information which the person does not have. If I were to go around and ask the various members on the floor of the Legislature what medical assistance benefits are available for prenatal care, those who are on this bill could not tell me. I believe those who worked to reach what they call a compromise could not tell me. If we went past prenatal care to childbirth, I wonder what that means because here is the way that language would read: the medical assistance benefits...which medical assistance benefits may be available for childbirth. Does that mean that there is money which will pay for the birth itself? Will it pay only for complications, or will it pay for the childbirth, complications and anything else associated with it? And if it means that broad definition, who on the floor can say what medical assistance is available for that purpose? But, in reality, I put something in the language which is not there. I said, medical assistance benefits available under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The language is not that narrow in reality. The language just says medical assistance benefits, so maybe what the doctor could say is if you have insurance then your insurance will cover it; if you don't have insurance then you can go get your own insurance to cover all of those things. However, it won't apply in this particular case which is why you have to have my revision. This language ought to be taken out of the bill. When we get to the part that talks about the father, it is not a situation where all that has to be done is to determine that a man is the father, immediately state under the law he provides assistance and support, to just point the finger and say, that's the man. Even if he is the man,